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In re Application of
Szeliski et al.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 (Paper No. 4), the applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group 1 involving Claims 1-12.

Further, before taking any further action in this case, please amend the claims as follows.